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What is claimed is:

1. A process for forming a faceplate member, comprising:

providing a pan blank;

providing a gasket blank;

5 attaching the gasket blank to the pan blank to form a subassembly; and

cutting the subassembly to form a unitary pan and gasket member with substantially coincident peripheral edges.

2. The process of claim 1, additionally comprising: providing an adhesive member and placing

10 the adhesive member intermediate the gasket blank and the pan blank prior to attaching the gasket blank to the pan blank.

3. The process of claim 2, wherein the gasket blank is dimensioned such that when attached to the pan blank, the gasket blank extends beyond the pan blank.

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4. The process of claim 1, wherein the gasket blank includes a first layer of adhesive material and a second layer of gasket material.

5. The process of claim 4, wherein the attaching the gasket blank to the pan blank includes

20 placing the first layer of the gasket blank into contact with the pan blank.

6. The process of claim 5, wherein the gasket blank is dimensioned such that when attached to the pan blank, the gasket blank extends beyond the pan blank.

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7. The process of claim 3, wherein the pan blank includes a recessed portion and the gasket blank includes an internal opening correspondingly configured to said recessed portion, and the attaching the gasket blank to the pan blank includes aligning the recessed portion of the pan blank with the internal opening of the gasket blank.

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8. The process of claim 7, wherein the cutting the subassembly includes cutting the subassembly such that the peripheral edges extend beyond the peripheral edges of the adhesive member.

10 9. The process of claim 6, wherein the pan blank includes a recessed portion and the gasket blank includes an internal opening correspondingly configured to said recessed portion, and the attaching the gasket blank to the pan blank includes aligning the recessed portion of the pan blank with the internal opening of the gasket blank.

15 10. A faceplate subassembly, comprising:

a pan blank of a first predetermined configuration;

a gasket blank of a second predetermined configuration; and

the pan blank attached to the gasket blank such that upon trimming the subassembly into a third predetermined configuration, different than the first predetermined configuration and the
20 second predetermined configuration, the peripheral edges of the gasket blank are substantially coincident with the peripheral edges of the pan blank.

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11. The faceplate subassembly of claim 10, wherein the gasket blank includes a first layer of adhesive material and a second gasket sheet layer.

12. The faceplate subassembly of claim 11, wherein the pan member includes an inward recessed portion and the gasket blank includes an opening correspondingly configured with respect to the recessed portion.

13. The faceplate subassembly of claim 10, additionally comprising:

a double backed adhesive member for connecting the pan blank to the gasket blank.

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14. The faceplate subassembly of claim 11, wherein the pan member includes an inward recessed portion and the gasket blank includes an opening correspondingly configured with respect to the recessed portion.

15 15. The faceplate subassembly of claim 11, wherein the pan member includes an inward recessed portion and the adhesive member includes an opening correspondingly configured with respect to the recessed portion.

20 16. The faceplate subassembly of claim 13, wherein the adhesive member includes an outer periphery of a predetermined configuration corresponding to the third predetermined configuration.

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17. A faceplate assembly formed from a process comprising:

providing a pan blank;

providing a gasket blank;

attaching the gasket blank to the pan blank to form a subassembly; and

5 cutting the subassembly to form a unitary pan and gasket member with substantially coincident peripheral edges.

18. The assembly of claim 17, additionally comprising: providing an adhesive member and placing the adhesive member intermediate the gasket blank and the pan blank prior to attaching

10 the gasket blank to the pan blank.

19. The assembly of claim 18, wherein the gasket blank is dimensioned such that when attached to the pan blank, the gasket blank extends beyond the pan blank.

15 20. The assembly of claim 17, wherein the gasket blank includes a first layer of adhesive material and a second layer of gasket material.

21. The assembly of claim 20, wherein the attaching the gasket blank to the pan blank includes placing the first layer of the gasket blank into contact with the pan blank.

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22. The assembly of claim 21, wherein the gasket blank is dimensioned such that when attached to the pan blank, the gasket blank extends beyond the pan blank.

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23. The assembly of claim 19, wherein the pan blank includes a recessed portion and the gasket blank includes an internal opening correspondingly configured to said recessed portion, and the attaching the gasket blank to the pan blank includes aligning the recessed portion of the pan blank with the internal opening of the gasket blank.

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24. The assembly of claim 23, wherein the cutting the subassembly includes cutting the subassembly such that the peripheral edges extend beyond the peripheral edges of the adhesive member.

10 25. The assembly of claim 22, wherein the pan blank includes a recessed portion and the gasket blank includes an internal opening correspondingly configured to said recessed portion, and the attaching the gasket blank to the pan blank includes aligning the recessed portion of the pan blank with the internal opening of the gasket blank.

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